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 16 December 1976 Conversation with (Fletcher) Keith Adkinson, Assistant Counsel of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Committee on Government Operations.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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X1 1. I met with Keith Adkinson for about 20 minutes to get more background on the 3 December 1976 letter from Senator Sam Nunn (D., Ga.) on the Subcommittee's investigation into allegations on gun smuggling to revolutionary groups [] and the possible exchange of these guns for narcotics. I suggested we try to talk at leisure next week. I also asked that he put in writing any requests he would make of us. 25X

2. He noted that the Subcommittee plans to begin its hearings on 11 January 1977, and he would appreciate receiving what we may have as soon as we can get it to him.

3. He indicated that the Subcommittee has a source (or sources) close to the leading subjects of the investigation. I asked if he wanted to give us names of sources to check to try to help establish the validity of the sources in the Subcommittee's mind. He said no, and indicated that the Subcommittee has confidence in the source (sources). He hopes that what information we may be able to give may help to corroborate information the Subcommittee has received from elsewhere and thus help validate sources.

4. He said that the Subcommittee is in touch with the FBI, and recognizes that the FBI must be its main place of assistance on Americans.

5. We talked about the possibility that there might be additional information available abroad on some of the persons and subjects of interest to the Subcommittee. I said I was not in a position to offer CIA assistance in getting such information, though of course we would consider what we could do based on requests from the Subcommittee.

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6. This last exchange was prompted in part by Adkinson's emphasis that the Subcommittee considers the coming hearings to be the beginning of a major examination of crime in the U.S., and my assumption that there might be a CIA role in collecting information on foreign aspects or contributions to such crime as a part of the general U.S. Government effort.

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9. Adkinson noted that there were matters that could be brought out in a congressional investigation and at a congressional hearing which might not be presentable to a court or might not be so successfully emphasized or highlighted if they were merely "leaked."



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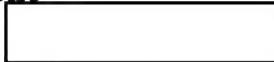
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